

**RESOLUTION BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

03- *R*-1499

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO CENTRAL PARK UPPER BALLFIELD, LOCATED AT 400 MERRITTS AVENUE, NE, ATLANTA, GA 30308, FROM THE UNITED WAY OF METROPOLITAN ATLANTA, IN AN AMOUNT VALUED AT \$120,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE UPPER FOOTBALL FIELD AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT NO COST TO THE CITY OF ATLANTA, AND TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE SAME; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta ("City"), and specifically the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, wishes to maintain attractive facilities and grounds for City residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City owns a park called Central Park, located at 400 Merritts Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30308 ("Central Park"); and

WHEREAS, there are two football fields located at Central Park, an upper football field and a lower football field, both of which need repairs and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the NFL Grassroots Program is a partnership of the National Football League and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation ("LISC"), and provides non-profit neighborhood-based organizations with financing and technical assistance to improve the quality, safety, and accessibility of local football fields; and

WHEREAS, the City is not eligible for NFL Grassroots Program financing, as it is not a non-profit organization, and therefore the United Way decided to apply for financing to be used to improve City football fields; and

WHEREAS, in response to an NFL Grassroots Program Request for Proposals, the United Way submitted a proposal for funding for the refurbishment of the upper football field at Central Park ("the Field"), a project that would cost \$120,000; and

WHEREAS, LISC approved a grant in the amount of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to the United Way ("the Grant") to be utilized to improve the Field. As a condition for accepting the Grant, LISC required the United Way to, and the United Way agreed to provide the remaining \$40,000 for the Field refurbishment project, either through its own funds or funds raised; and

WHEREAS, the \$120,000 Field improvements approved by LISC consist of installation of a water meter, re-grading the Field, installation of an irrigation system, planting new sod on and seeding the Field, purchase and installation of removable goal posts, installation of bleachers, installation of temporary fencing, installation of a concession stand, purchase of training equipment, and payment of miscellaneous coordination costs; and

WHEREAS, the donated improvements stated above shall be performed by the United Way or its contractors and subcontractors, at no cost to the City, under the direction of the Office of Park Design in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to create a cooperative relationship with the United Way as the United Way is generously contributing to the upkeep and general welfare of Central Park; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to enter a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the United Way to define the cooperative relationship between the two parties, and to establish the role and obligations of each party in that relationship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

SECTION 1: The Mayor, on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized to accept the donation of improvements to the Central Park upper football from the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, where said improvements are valued at approximately \$120,000.00.

SECTION 2: The donated improvements to the Central Park upper football field shall be performed by the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, or its contractors and/or subcontractors, at no cost to the City of Atlanta, and said work shall be monitored by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

SECTION 3: The Mayor is authorized, on behalf of the City, to execute all necessary documents to accomplish acceptance of the donated improvements, to be approved as to form by the City Attorney. These documents shall include, but not be limited to, a Memorandum of Understanding that sets forth the roles and obligations of the City and the United Way in the refurbishment of the Field.

TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

TO MAYOR'S OFFICE: Greg Pridgeon

(For review and distribution to executive management)

Commissioner's Signature: 

Bureau Director's
Signature: _____

From: Originating Dept.: DPRCA

Contact (Name): Jean C. Minor /(4) 817-6739

Committee(s) of Purview: CD/HR

Committee Deadline: _____

Committee Meeting Date: 10/14-15/03

Council Meeting Date: 10/20/03

CAPTION:

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BACKGROUND/PURPOSE/DISCUSSION:

In response to the National Football League Grassroots Program's Request for Proposals, the United Way submitted a grant application to fund the refurbishment of the upper football field at Central Park. The proposed improvements will cost approximately \$120,000.00 and will include the following amenities: installation of water meter, re-grading the field, installation of an irrigation system, planting new sod on and seeding the field, purchase and installation of removal goal posts, installation of bleachers, installation of temporary fencing, installation of a concession stand, purchase of training equipment, and payment of miscellaneous coordination costs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT (IF ANY):

There is no financial impact to the City of Atlanta. All expenditures (grant award of \$80,000 and 50% required matching funds of \$40,000) are the responsibility of the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta.

MAYOR'S STAFF ONLY

Received by Mayor's Office: 9.19.03 QD

(Date)

Reviewed: 

(Initials/date)

Submitted to Council: _____

(Date)

Action by Committee:

☐ Approved ☐ Adversed ☐ Held ☐ Amended

☐ Substitute ☐ Referred ☐ Other